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## HONOR CONFERRED ON DR. LEWIS SWIFT.

A press-telegram of January 5th notifies that the medal founded by Mrs. HANNAH JACKSON (*née* GWILT) has been conferred by the Royal Astronomical Society on Dr. SWIFT, Director of the Lowe Observatory, "in recognition of his services to the cause of science in the discovery of comets, etc."

# THE LADD OBSERVATORY (PROVIDENCE, R. I.)

During the year's leave of absence of the Director of the Ladd Observatory (Professor UPTON), which is to be spent at the Arequipa station of the Harvard College Observatory, his place is to be filled by Mr. F. W. VERY, who has resigned the position at the Allegheny Observatory which he has occupied for so many years.

MEASURES OF THE COMPANION TO *PROCYON*.

I have secured three measures with the thirty-six-inch refractor of the companion to *Procyon* discovered by Professor SCHAEBERLE. The mean is:

1896,98       $321^{\circ},0$        $4'',84$

R. G.AITKEN.

January 19, 1897.

ERRATUM IN *PUBLICATIONS A. S. P.*, NO. 53.

Volume VIII, No. 53, page 311, line 9, for SCHIAPARELLI  
read SCHAEFERLE. C. A. V.

## ASTRONOMICAL TELEGRAMS. (*Translation.*)

Lick Observatory, Dec. 9, 1896.

To Harvard College Observatory } (Sent 10 A. M.)  
and Students' Observatory:

A comet was discovered by PERRINE, December 8, 20<sup>h</sup> 29<sup>m</sup> 48<sup>s</sup> G. M. T.; R. A. 0<sup>h</sup> 52<sup>m</sup> 26<sup>s</sup>.7, Decl. + 6° 24' 52". Daily motion R. A. + 7<sup>m</sup>, Decl. - 30'. It is about as bright as a star of eighth magnitude; has a well-defined nucleus and tail.

Lick Observatory, Dec. 9, 1896.

To Harvard College Observatory } (Sent 10:45 P.M.)  
and Students' Observatory:

Comet PERRINE was observed by PERRINE, December 9, 15<sup>h</sup> 37<sup>m</sup> 50<sup>s</sup> G. M. T.; R. A. 0<sup>h</sup> 58<sup>m</sup> 0<sup>s</sup>.9, Decl. + 6° 4' 30".